**Statement-II**

*Declaration of new Highways in Madhya Pradesh*

| S.No. | NH No. | Route | Total Length (in Kms) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | 59 | Ahmedabad-Dhar-Indore | 139 |
| 2. | 69 | Nagpur-Obaidullaganj | 295 |
| 3. | 78 | Katni-Shahdol-Nagar-Ambikapur-Jaspurnagar-Gumla | 534 |
| 4. | 75 | Gwalior-Jhansi-Khajuraho-Chatterpur-Panna-Satna-Rewa | 440 |
| 5. | 200 | Raipur-Bilaspur-Sarangarh-Rajgarh-Kanaktura-Jharsugudda-Kochinda Pravasuni-Deogarh-Talcher-Chandikhol | 300 |
| 6. | 79 | Ajmer-Nasirabad-Bhilwara-Chitragarh-Nayagarh-Nimach-Ratlam-Ghatbilod (Indore) | 280 |
| 7. | 76 | Pindwara-Udaipur-Chittorgarh-Kota-Shivpuri-Jhansi-Mahoba-Banda-Karwi-Mau-Allahabad | 60 |
| 8. | 86 | Kanpur-Sagar | 180 |
| | | TOTAL | 2228 |

**Double Laning of NH-44**

190. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to double lane the existing National Highway No. 44 between Agartala and Charibari in Tripura;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time-frame decided for completing the work of double laning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) to (c) Length of National Highway-44 in Tripura is 198 km. out of which 28 Km is already double lane. As per the extent policy, all National Highways are to be widened to double lane subject to intensity of traffic, condition of Road, interse priority on all India basis and availability of funds. However, no time limit has been prescribed for double laning entire stretch of National Highway-44 in Tripura due to paucity of funds.

**National Highways Damaged by Flood in Assam**

191. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question No. 224 given in the Rajya Sabha on December 15, 1998 and state:

(a) the year-wise details of damaged caused by floods NHs in Assam since May, 1996 to March, 1999;

(b) the total amount allocated and actually utilised in each financial year Highway-wise and proposed for 1999-2000;

(c) the amount sanctioned and utilised for improvement and repairing against each NH in Assam during this period; and

(d) the sector-wise and year-wise damages caused to NH-52 and repair-work done since 1996 till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The State PWD has reported following damages to National Highways in Assam:

| Sl. No. | Year | Damages (Rs. In lakh) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | May 96-March 97 | 1148 |
| 2. | 1997-98 | 1105 |
| 3. | 1998-99 | 2200 |

(b) and (c) The funds allocated and utilised for development, improvement and maintenance & repair of National Highways in Assam during last three years are:

**Rupees in lakh**

| Sl. No. | Years | Funds allocated | | Funds Utilised | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Improvement | Maintenance & Repair | Improvment | Maint-enance & Repair |
| 1. | 1996-97 | 1212.00 | 1006.87 | 902.17 | 1010.52 |
| 2. | 1997-98 | 1821.00 | 1162.55 | 1388.24 | 1215.99 |
| 3. | 1998-99 | 2600.00 | 2815.51 | 1517.99 | 2282.33 |
| 4. | 1999-2000 | 3100.00 (tentative) | 3199.44 | | |

(d) Damages to National Highway No-52 (Baihata Charali to Jonai and Dirak to Rupai Sectors) were in the form of potholes, pavement disintegration including subgrade failure, erosion of approaches to bridges, damage to protection works, road breaches etc. These damages were repaired at the cost mentioned below:

| Sl. No. | Year | Repair Cost (Rs. In lakh) |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | 1996-97 | 55.00 |
| 2. | 1997-98 | 97.00 |
| 3. | 1998-99 | 205.00 |

**Construction of Darbhanga-Forvis Ganj National Highway**

†192. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of latest progress with regard to the construction of Darbhanga-Forvis Ganj National Highway in Bihar;

(b) the estimated amount to be spent on the same project and the total amount released so far for the same; and

(c) what are Government's plan to complete it at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The reach of about 160 KM length from Darbhanga to Forbesganj is missing link on National Highway-57. The feasibility study to fix alignment and to formulate preliminary proposals for this missing link is presently in progress.

(b) Since the preliminary report is not ready the estimated cost of the project cannot be indicated. A provision of Rs. 3 crore has made in the Annual Plan.

(c) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.